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Sponsor Written Testimony: Favorable

Senate Bill 148: State Board of Public Accountancy – Emeritus Status

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Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kegan, and esteemed of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee:

I am writing to express strong support for Senate Bill 148, titled “State Board of Public Accountancy – Emeritus Status.” This legislation proposes the establishment of an emeritus status for Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) in Maryland, providing a formal recognition for retired professionals who have dedicated their careers to the accounting profession. The introduction of an emeritus status serves as a meaningful way to honor the lifetime achievements of CPAs who have retired from active practice. It allows them to retain a title that reflects their professional identity without the obligations associated with active licensure, such as continuing education requirements.

The Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA) has emphasized the importance of this legislation, noting that it supports the granting of emeritus status for professional licensees under certain conditions. Implementing this designation would also align Maryland with other states that have adopted similar provisions, thereby standardizing professional recognition across jurisdictions.

I respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 148.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Arthur Ellis in blue ink.  
Arthur Ellis